

## Iron County Register

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

Dutch merchants have opened a chamber of commerce in London, to which 400 members belong.

The coming of the longest word in our language is credited to Mr. Gladstone, "disestablishmentarianism."

Of the patients in the lunatic asylum at Lahore, India, 33 per cent. are believed to have been habitual hemp-takers.

In the herring season, which extends from the middle of August to the end of December, the fishing boats of Yarmouth, England, caught 335,378,800 herrings.

Dr. L. A. Van Wagner, of Brookfield, has invented a device which is to be attached to the telephone which will give indication if there has been any call during the absence of the attendant.

During the first nine months of 1904 Germany's imports amounted to \$1,134,970,900, exceeding those of the corresponding period of 1903 by \$33,201,000. During the same time Germany exported wares valued at \$910,112,000, a gain of \$13,804,000 over the exports of the first nine months of 1903.

Two of the by-products of sugar factories are utilized in France—the pulp from the presses and the drained treacle, or the molasses from which no more sugar can be obtained by the ordinary processes of crystallization. The pulp serves as food for animals, and is sold to farmers at about five cents per 100 pounds.

The agricultural expert attached to the German consulate general at Cairo reports that American steam plows are being successfully used in that country. He advises German manufacturers to combine and send a good mechanical engineer to Egypt to study agricultural conditions and what machines are best suited for that country.

An extensive camphor forest is said to exist on the borders of Szechuen, Kweichow and Hunan Provinces, China. It is said to extend 100 miles. "HENNA" is only recently that the natives began to produce camphor for market in that locality. Little is known of the region, as it is off the main lines of travel and not visited by foreigners.

Preparations are about to be commenced in the construction of the circular cistern which is to be sunk around the wreck of the battleship Maine as she reposes in the harbor of Havana. By a recent action of the Cuban government the time for beginning the work has been extended to April 19, 1905, and that for completion of the work to April 19, 1906.

English, French and Spanish are the principal languages spoken in Santo Domingo, English and French being especially spoken along the coast. The population is chiefly of mixed Spanish, Indian and Negro blood, with some of pure African descent and comparatively few whites. The total population is estimated at 500,000, at this time, although the official estimate in 1888 was 610,000.

It does not look as if we shall get a ton of coal, at any rate this winter. It is estimated that beneath the earth's crust there are about 8,000,000,000,000 yards of coal at depths available for the use of man—in round numbers a little over 7,000,000,000,000 tons. Of this store Great Britain has available for use about a fifteenth part, or, according to the best estimates, 145,000,000,000 of tons. The world's store, it is estimated, will be exhausted in about 2,000 years.

The latest plan of the advocates of spelling reform is the urging of a universal phonetic alphabet based upon the present Roman letters—that is, international agreement that the letter should have the same sound in every language. Thus, the letter "a," instead of having the several sounds given to it in the English language, like in "father" and in "language," itself, or as in German and French, would have one fixed sound. Thus a man reading any of the languages would at once know how to pronounce the word.

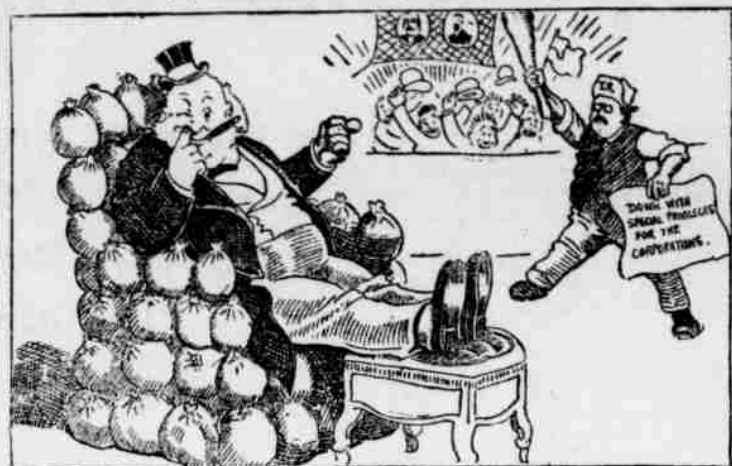
In 1898 the largest known and at the same time the most complete Brontosaurus skeleton was discovered about three miles west of the Bone Cabin quarry. It was worked out with great care, and is now being restored and mounted complete at the American museum under the direction of Prof. Osborn. When finished it will be the only mounted skeleton of a Brontosaurus in the world, though at the Yale museum the pelvis and hind legs of a dissection of this kind are mounted, hitherto the greatest curiosity in this line.

Thousands of people are handling certain articles daily without any idea of their dangerous nature. The ordinary soda water siphon, for instance, is a bomb, and an exceedingly powerful one to boot, charged, as it frequently is, up to a pressure of between 130 and 160 pounds. A child who dropped one of these dangerous contrivances in the street the other day was almost as shockingly mangled by the resultant explosion as was M. de Pievhe, the recently assassinated Russian minister of the interior, by the dynamite bomb.

The Transvaal gold production in May was 314,800 ounces, the largest for any month since September, 1899, the last month of a large product prior to the war. In September, 41,762 ounces were produced, a decline from the record product of 459,701 ounces, in October, 1899, the product fell to 19,000 ounces, and ceased altogether in April, 1900. Production was resumed in May, 1901, with the modest output of 7,478 ounces and the growth of the output has been nearly constant until May of last year when the first figures were reached.

## THE ILLEGAL TRUST IS BEGINNING TO WAKE UP TO AN UNPLEASANT FACT.

[By McCutcheon, in Chicago Daily Tribune.]



During the Presidential Campaign—"He's Really Friendly to Me. All That Talk Is Just for Political Effect."



At the Present Time—"Great Guns! I Believe He's Really in Earnest."

## EAST ST. LOUIS' BIG BLAZE

An Ugly Hole Burned in the Business Heart of the City.

The fire said to have been due to an overheated furnace—the firemen suffered.

St. Louis, Feb. 4.—The fire which for awhile threatened wholesale destruction completely destroyed three handsome business buildings at the corner of St. Louis and Collinsville avenue, East St. Louis, Ill., yesterday morning.

The buildings were in the heart of the business section of the city. The loss is approximately \$175,000. The insurance on the burned property amounts to \$125,000.

The principal properties carried were: On the Josephine building, \$25,000; Walsh building, \$18,000; DeWolf building, \$6,300; Elks' Club, \$3,500; Palace Clothing Co., \$15,000; Sticker Grocery Co., \$2,500; Sondag Drug Co., \$6,000; St. Clair Packing Co., \$1,000.

Friday afternoon another alarm was turned in from the burned district, and every fire engine company in East St. Louis was called out. The Walsh building debris had begun to burn again, but after a few minutes' play from hose lines the new blaze subsided.

The origin of the fire was evidently an overheated furnace in the basement of the Josephine building, where the loss is the heaviest. The other buildings destroyed were the Walsh building and the DeWolf building.

All the buildings were occupied, on their lower floors by business firms. The Elks' lodge was on the top floor of the Walsh building. The other floors of the buildings were occupied as office rooms. Several persons sleeping on these floors were rescued, all without injury to rescuers or rescues.

The firemen worked under difficulties, as blizzard conditions were prevailing. The temperature was at zero, a 50-mile wind was blowing from the north and snow was falling. Assistance was called for, and one St. Louis fire company responded.

Several of the firemen suffered severe frost bites while at work. Mayor Cook, who remained at the fire while it lasted, suffered similarly.

## THE JAP PRISONERS OF WAR

Vice-Consul Smith, at Moscow, Says the Prisoners at Medved Are Comfortable.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.—Vice-Consul Thomas Smith, of Moscow, by direction of the American embassy, has visited the Japanese prisoners of war at Medved, in pursuance of the request of the Japanese government, and reports that he found them comfortable housed and fed, but complaining of various restrictions, the most important of which related to transmission of their mail. Prof. Martens, the head of the prison bureau, has promised to correct this matter of complaint and to investigate the other complaints.

Mr. Smith's report has been sent to the Japanese minister at Berlin.

## Senator Mitchell Again Indicted.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 2.—The grand jury, Wednesday afternoon, indicted United States Senator John Mitchell for bribery on six counts. State Senator George C. Brownell was indicted at the same time on four charges of subornation of perjury.

## Peoria Bank Robbers Convicted.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 3.—John Orme and Theodore Brockway, alias John Lane, and Percy Warner were found guilty of robbing the Peoria national bank of \$2,231.86. They held up the bank in broad daylight.

## To Support the President.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 3.—The senate, which is democratic by more than a two-thirds majority, adopted a house joint resolution, Thursday, calling upon Missouri's delegation in congress to support President Roosevelt in his proposed railroad legislation.

## Caused Heavy Damage.

Denver, Col., Feb. 3.—The bursting of a large water tank on the roof of the Denver dry goods store last night caused damage to stock estimated at over \$50,000.

## THE BATTLE ON HUN RIVER

At Least Seven Divisions of Russian Engaged—Four Regiments Nearly Annihilated.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The Japanese legation has received a report made by Field Marshal Oyama giving the details of the fierce fighting from the 25th to the 29th of January when the Russians were driven to the right of the Hun river. The marshal says that the enemy consisted of the First Siberian army corps, one mixed corps, the Eighth army corps, the sixth and first Siberian reserve divisions, some chaffeurs, etc., making a total of at least seven divisions, one of which was a cavalry division. The Japanese casualties were about 7,000. Prisoners were nearly annihilated.

Many of the companies of these regiments were reduced to from 20 to 30 men each. The field marshal expresses the opinion that the Russian casualties must have totaled at least 10,000.

## HOME FOR WOMEN BURNED

One Woman Killed and Four Injured in the Destruction of the English-Side Home for Women.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 4.—Fire Friday night destroyed a part of the English-Side Home for Women. In a panic among the fifty inmates, Mrs. Mary Kytile was killed and four women were severely hurt.

The injured: Mrs. Betsy Caldwell, 34 years old; overcome by smoke. Mrs. Margaret Creishaber, fell from ladder, internally injured. Miss Nora Englehart, 60 years old; jumped from third story window; leg broken and internally injured. Mrs. Marion Orton, asphyxiated, may die.

## NEW YORK MAY HOLD HOCH

The Chicago "Bluebeard" Said to Have Wedded Two Women in Brooklyn.

New York, Feb. 2.—Johann Joseph Hoch, arrested here in response to a message from Chicago police to apprehend the Chicago "Bluebeard," may not be surrendered to Illinois authorities.

Inspector O'Brien has received an anonymous letter bearing a Brooklyn postmark. The writer stated that Johanna Hoch married two friends of hers, Brooklyn women, whose deaths followed mysteriously at an interval of two months. If evidence is secured he will be put on trial.

## TEN LADIES WERE KILLED.

Shocking Accident to a Sleighing Party From Hornellsville at Arkport, N. Y.

Hornellsville, N. Y., Feb. 2.—A sleighing party from the Universalists church of Hornellsville was struck by a Pittsburg Shawmut & Northern engine, near Arkport, Wednesday evening. Six occupants of the sleigh were killed outright and a number seriously injured, four of whom have since died. The rest of the injured are at the Mercy hospital here. All of the dead and injured are matrons.

## Old Soldiers Want Memorial.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 4.—Old soldiers, both blue and gray, appeared before the house committee on eleemosynary institutions in behalf of the bill providing for the erection of a common memorial building at Columbia.

## Negro Awarded a Prize.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—The Chicago Municipal Art League has awarded a prize to William A. Harper, a negro janitor, who works with the bucket and mop during week days and paints at night and on Sundays.

## Killed by Trains.

Carlyle, Ill.—Frank Dateman, 53, was killed at Miley by a passenger train. Two daughters survive him. Clark, Mo.—F. C. Ingram, a traveling salesman from Wentzville, Mo., was killed in the yards in this city by a passenger train.

## Favors Appropriation for Portland.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 2.—Gov. Deen, in message to both houses of the Illinois general assembly urges appropriations for state representation at the Lewis and Clark exposition, in Portland, Ore., this year.

## T COST THEM THEIR LIVES

Result of Raising a Disturbance at a School Exhibition.

Two Neighborhood Smarties and an Innocent Boy Fatally Shot in Randolph County, Mo.

Huntsville, Mo., Feb. 6.—J. B. Stampfer, of College Mound, shot and instantly killed Deed Michael and mortally wounded Wilb Michael at a school exhibition in Charlton township, Randolph county, Saturday night. John Murphy, a 16-year-old boy who was present, but not in the trouble, also died as the result of two wounds he received. The directors of the school had asked Mr. Stampfer, who was deputy sheriff of Macon county for many years, to be present and keep order, as there are some disorderly persons in the neighborhood. During the exhibition the two Michaels and a cousin named Bill Acree raised a disturbance and Stampfer went to them and asked them to keep quiet. After the entertainment the three boys started after Stampfer, announcing their intention of killing him. Acree had a dangerous knife open, and approached him from the front, and the two Michaels on either side.

As Deed Michael grabbed for Stampfer the latter shot him through the heart and he fell dead. Stampfer then turned and shot Wilb Michael twice, once in the head and once in the body. Stampfer was cut through the coat and a checkbook in his pocket was cut almost in two.

## IT GAVE RISE TO SURMISES

A Sunday Night's Visit of Two British Diplomats to the White House Caused Talk.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador, was at the White House, Sunday night, and was in conference with the president for almost an hour. With him also was Mr. Spring-Rice, formerly attached to the British embassy at Washington, but now first secretary of the British embassy at St. Petersburg. Mr. Spring-Rice is a personal friend of the president, whom he has known for some time. The presence of Ambassador Durand, at the White House on a Sunday night—quite an unusual thing for him, in company with Mr. Spring-Rice, who is in the United States on a brief vacation and fresh from St. Petersburg, gave rise to the surmise that the cessation of the war between Russia and Japan might be under consideration.

## PRESIDENT BECKWITH DEAD

Worry Over the Chadwick Affair Has Sent C. T. Beckwith to a Premature Grave.

Oberlin, O., Feb. 6.—C. T. Beckwith, president of the defunct Citizens' national bank of this city, died at 10:45 o'clock Sunday night, after two days' unconsciousness, during which dissolution was expected at any moment. Only the family surrounded the death bed of the banker. Mr. Beckwith was about 65 years of age.

On December 14 last the federal grand jury in Cleveland returned five indictments against Beckwith upon the charge of violating the national banking laws in connection with loans made to Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick by the Citizens' national bank of Oberlin, of which deceased was the president. From the day of his arrest, Mr. Beckwith's health rapidly failed, as a result of worry over his troubles.

## THE BIRMINGHAM, ALA., FIRE

It Was Extinguished After It Had Caused a Loss of \$240,000—Two Firemen Hurt.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 6.—Fire which at one time threatened to destroy millions of dollars' worth of property was extinguished after it had caused losses to the amount of \$240,000, divided among a score or more firms in the principal business section of the city. Requests were made of the cities of Montgomery, Atlanta, Chattanooga and Gadsden, but later these requests were cancelled on account of the shifting of the wind and a heavy downpour of rain. Two firemen were injured by falling walls.

## DISAVOWED BY RUSSIA.

The Action of the Deputy Chief of Police of Moscow Is Officially Disavowed.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 6.—Foreign Minister Lansdorff, in an official note to Sir Charles Hardinge, the British ambassador, has formally disavowed the action of Deputy Chief of Police Roudnev, of Moscow, in posting a placard asserting that the strikers were assisted with money from Japanese and British sources for the purpose of crippling the arsenals and other government works.

## Woman Died in Church.

New York, Feb. 6.—Mrs. Evelyn Cushman, an artist, died suddenly in St. Francis German Catholic church from nephritis. Her husband is said to be an actor, at present in San Francisco.

## Died at Their Daughter's Wedding.

Andalusia, Ala., Feb. 6.—W. J. Batson and Miss Millie Edwards were married here. As the last words were spoken by the minister, making the couple husband and wife, the bride's mother died. The father died a few hours later.

## An Authoritative Statement.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The statement is made by authority that no proceedings under the pending Dominican arrangement have been taken nor will they be taken until the arrangement itself is ratified by the United States Senate.

## Radium Mine Discovered.

Paris, Feb. 6.—An important discovery of a radium mine in the department of Saone-et-Loire is interesting scientific circles. Prof. Curie's assistant is conducting the exploitation.

## TOOK UNTO HIMSELF A WIFE

The "Kid Congressman" From Illinois Married in St. Louis to Miss Effie A. Karns.

St. Louis, Feb. 2.—A quiet wedding was celebrated at the residence of Rev. J. A. Gerhard, 4013A Olive street, when Miss Effie A. Karns became the wife of Zeno J. Rives, congressman-elect from the Twenty-first Illinois district. Since his election, Mr. Rives has been called the "kid congressman," although he is nearly 30 years of age. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Karns, the former being a business man of Litchfield. She had been in the city some weeks visiting the family of Rev. Mr. Gerhard, who was formerly the pastor of the Presbyterian church at Litchfield. Rev. Gerhard performed the ceremony, which was witnessed only by the bride's parents and a few friends of the couple who live in the city. A wedding supper was served.

## SOME WONDERFUL RESULTS

Triumph of Japanese Surgery and Sanitation With the Army in Manchuria.

Gen. Oku's Headquarters, Jan. 29 (noon), via Tien Tsin, Feb. 3.—Japanese field surgeons and field hospitals have accomplished a triumph, according to statistics obtained by the correspondent from the chief surgeons of Gen. Oku's army.

There have been in the entire army since the landing on May 6 only 40 deaths from disease.

The figures show that up to December 1 there were recorded 24,642 cases of disease. Of these 49 resulted fatally, 13,578 patients recovered, 609 were sent to Japan and the remainder were undergoing treatment when the figures were compiled.

It is believed that these figures are unequaled in the history of warfare.

## TRADE HAMPERED BY COLD

The Widespread Cold Weather Has the Effect of Retarding Distribution of Spring Stocks.

New York, Feb. 4.—Broadstreet's says:

Widespread cold weather hampers trade in nearly all lines, thus retarding but not entirely checking the opening of spring distribution. Except in a few cases, however, notably transportation and mining industry displays rather less than seasonal interference. Except in a few lines, especially cotton manufacturing, advance business has been placed with a free hand and the feeling is not the less strong that milder weather will usher in widespread activity in all lines.

## TO LOCATE BATTLE SITES

Gen. S. B. M. Young and Col. Webb Hayes Going on a Special Mission to Cuba.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Gen. S. B. M. Young and Col. Webb Hayes called on the president Thursday. They will start for Cuba in a few days, accompanied by Col. Arthur L. Warner, to mark the principal points where fighting occurred between the Americans and Spaniards. The three men go as a committee from the Society of Santiago, appointed for that purpose. A number of old cannon furnished by the Cuban government will be used for the present to mark the spots, to be replaced later by enduring tablets.

## FIRE AT GLOUCESTER, MASS.

Half a Million Dollars' Worth of Property Destroyed and the Fire Not Out.

Gloucester, Mass., Feb. 3.—A fire that broke out in a business block on Main street at nine o'clock last night was still burning at midnight, and appeared to be beyond control of the firemen, who were hampered by the intense cold. The loss at that hour was estimated at \$500,000. Two firemen, Frank Smith and Samuel McGuinn, were seriously injured.

The heaviest losers were the Tappan Clothing Co., M. Silverman, ladies' tailor, and Robert M. Phelps, photographer.

## OCEAN COVERED WITH ICE.

The Atlantic, in the Vicinity of Newfoundland, Covered With Immense Arctic Floes.

St. John, N. F., Feb. 4.—Owing to the ice blockade the entire coast line except the southern seaboard is now closed against shipping. The whole ocean beyond the grand banks is covered with immense arctic floes and steamers are compelled to go many miles south of Cape Race in order to skirt its lower edge, it being too heavy to penetrate. Several large barges are reported in the pack.

## Prominent Woman Fatally Injured.

St. Louis, Feb. 4.—Mrs. Augusta Smith, 73, was struck by a street car and fatally injured. Mrs. Smith has been a practicing physician for 40 years in St. Louis and Springfield, Mo. She is the mother of three doctors.

## Died in Thiber.

New York, Feb. 4.—Francis Henry Nichols, newspaper correspondent and author, whose death in Tibet is announced, was born in Brooklyn on October 31, 1858, and was a graduate of the high school of Chicago. In May, 1898, he carried to Gen. Maxim Gorky in Cuba the news of the declaration of war with Spain.

Hoch's Wives Number Thirty-Five. Chicago, Feb. 4.—A police census gives the number of Hoch's wives as 35. All localities have not been heard from.

## The Missouri Deadlock.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 4.—There was no change in today's senatorial ballot. The figures were as follows: Cockrell, 71; Niedringhaus, 65; Kerns, 12; Pettibone, 2; Moss, 1; Finkelnberg, 1. There were nine pairs in the House and three in the Senate.

## Grandchildren Were Pallbearers.

St. Louis, Feb. 3.—Mrs. Josephine Marie Bick, familiarly known as "Mother Bick," died. Her funeral, held in South St. Louis, was attended by a great throng of people.

## BULLETS OF AN ASSASSIN

Solomon Solonin, Procurator General of Finland, Murdered in His Home at Helsinki.

Helsinki, Finland, Feb. 7.—Solomon Solonin, procurator general of Finland, who before he was ennobled was known by the name of Johnson, was assassinated Monday by a young man whose identity up to the present time has not been determined. The assassin and Solonin's son were both wounded in a revolver duel following the killing. The motive of the crime apparently was purely political, the slain official being a prominent member of the government party.

The murderer appeared at the procurator's residence at 11 o'clock Monday, French the name of Alexandre Gadd, who is in the Russian service. The young man, who was smartly dressed in an officer's uniform, was promptly admitted to the official's private study, and on his entrance fired four shots from a revolver, one of the bullets piercing the breast of the procurator, who expired almost immediately. His 17-year-old son, hearing the shots, rushed in from an adjoining room and fired three or four shots at his father's assassin, whose right leg was broken by the knee by a bullet. He was also slightly wounded in the shoulder and a finger of his left hand was struck. The assassin fired the one bullet remaining in his revolver at Solonin's son, wounding him slightly in the calf of his right leg. He then endeavored to escape, but fell unconscious to the floor in the anteroom. There he was seized.

Dr. Wasastjerna was called immediately, but found the procurator beyond need of his services. The assassin was removed to the surgical hospital, where he lies guarded by police, answering no questions and evidently unconscious. His recovery, however, is thought to be certain.

Up to the present the authorities have been unable to identify him. He is of dark complexion and apparently between 25 and 30 years of age.

## A MINISTER'S SUICIDE.

Rev. Martin McFarland, a Christian Minister, Commits Suicide by Hanging.

St. Louis, Feb. 7.—Swinging from a rafter and cold in death, the body of Rev. Martin McFarland, pastor of the Second Christian church, was found by his son, Rev. Eugene T. McFarland, pastor of the Fourth Christian church, where he entered the cellar of his father's home yesterday afternoon, about 2:30 o'clock. On the floor near by lay the dead minister's hat, coat and vest and a watch, which was still running. Members of the family think that Rev. McFarland's act was committed during a temporary spell of mental aberration, brought on by continued ill health and insomnia.

## A DELUGE OF PETITIONS

Efforts to Save the Life of Mrs. Kate Edwards, the Pennsylvania Murderess.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 7.—Gov. Pennypacker has received a large number of letters and telegrams from people who want him to prevent the execution of Mrs. Kate Edwards on February 16, for the murder of her husband. The governor will not take any action unless the board of pardons, which meets on February 15, should recommend a commutation of the death sentence, and he has not intimated that he will do anything even under such recommendation.

## POSTMASTERS INTERESTED

A Decision Rendered by Comptroller of the Treasury Tracewell Which Affects Postmasters

Washington, Feb. 7.—The postmaster general is empowered not only to fix the salary of a postmaster on the basis of the gross receipts of his post office, as provided by law, but also to go behind the receipts to determine whether they were obtained properly, according to a decision rendered by Comptroller of the Treasury Tracewell. The opinion affects many postmasters charged with padding receipts to raise their salaries, by soliciting or having their friends solicit business to their post offices that belongs to the limits of neighboring offices.

## CONVEYED A COMPLIMENT

Recognition of the Excellent Administration of Paymaster General H. T. B. Harris.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Secretary Morton has directed a letter to Paymaster General H. T. B. Harris, chief of the bureau of supplies and accounts, informing him that although his statutory retirement will occur on March 10 next, it is the department's wish that he remain at the head of the bureau for at least a year after that date in recognition of his excellent administration.

## Left Many Descendants.

Nashville, Ill., Feb. 7.—Mrs. Mary E. Gashmeier, 82, who died at her home in Plum Hill, is survived by 50 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and four children. With few exceptions the members of the family reside in the vicinity of Plum Hill.

## Of Revolutionary Stock.

St. Louis, Feb. 7.—Mrs. Caroline M. Ryer was buried here. She was born in Long Branch, N. J., in 1824, and was a granddaughter of Gen. Daniel Doster, aide camp to Gen. Washington.

## A New Russian Loan.

London, Feb. 7.—It is stated in well-informed financial circles in London that negotiations have been completed for floating a new Russian loan of \$200,000,000 in Paris. The loan will bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent.

## Sentenced to Be Executed.

New York, Feb. 7.—Frank Furlong, aged 19, who was convicted of killing his aunt, Mrs. Margaret Keeler, in this city on November 27 last, was sentenced to be executed in Sing Sing prison in the week beginning March 17.

## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

The Legislature.

Another Folk measure for reform has been presented in the senate, Senator Dickinson, of Henry county, has introduced a bill providing for the sale of all public franchises by the municipal assemblies or county courts of the state.

The house adopted the resolution introduced by Representative Johnson, of Pulaski county, to investigate the state university, and especially Read hall, the girls' dormitory.

Representatives Brown and Whitaker, who have supported Nedringhaus for United States senator, issued statements that they will no longer vote for the nominee.

Senator Bradley's bill, making it a misdemeanor to fraudulently obtain signatures to a petition for a dram shop license, was passed by the senate.

Representative Conkling asks that the bill prohibiting state employees from contributing to campaign funds be reconsidered and brewers included.

Both houses passed the bill limiting the time of work of train crews to 16 hours. The senate amends the bill after a debate.

## Hermann Courthouse Burned.

The \$50,000 courthouse at Hermann, the pride of Gasconade county, and one of the finest county buildings in the state, was nearly totally destroyed by fire, which originated from a defective flue. The building was built with funds bequeathed by Charles D. Eltchen, a business man of Hermann, who died eight years ago. All of the county records were saved, with the exception of a few volumes of court reports.

## Ten Million Dollar Mortgage.